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VITA ANTONII

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Vita diui Anthonii Ad ſanctiſſimū dn̄m Eugeniū papā quartū. ꝑ Mapheū vegium laudenſem. Incipit.

e
Eugeni ductor populi cuſtoſqʒ fidelis.
Quę legis hęc noſtri dona laboris habe.
Sępiꝰ his feſſam mentem mulcere licebit
Sępius ⁊ curas his recreare tuas
Non hic ficta leges veterꝝ mendacia vatum.
Tu ſacer ⁊ ſacra dignus es hyſtoria
Hic Antoniadem titulū ſi ſcire libelli
Cura ſit. hic diuum perſequar acta patrum
Digne pater qui iuſticia cultuqʒ fideqʒ
Et populis ⁊ dĳs principibuſqʒ places
Digne pater longis ne te nunc laudibus ornem
Laus prior hęc ingens ſplendidiorqʒ tua eſt
Scilicet infeſtis ꝙ tandem euaſit ab vndis.
Te duce clauigeri naufraga cymba dei
Et ſaluatoris veſtigia ſancta ſequutus
Tot caſus noſti totqʒ ꝑicla pati

¶ Maphei vegĳ laudenſis Antoniados. liber primus incipit.

Non hic pegaſides non ficta ⁊ inania muſę.
Nomina. non priſco numen de more vocarim
Phębe tuū. neqʒ ēm regum nūc triſtia bella
Aut veterē falſumqʒ iouem. turbā ve deorum
Incertam. luſuſqʒ leues pōpaſqʒ tumentes.
Ordiri eſt animus. nunc te ſate virgine te nunc

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Certe deus nunc mortales tua numina diuos
Angelicos dicam in terris homineſqꝫ beatos
Ergo dei magni ſoboles pande optime noſtris
Uela ſecunda Jeſu placiduſqꝫ allabere cęptis
Et tu chare deo veterꝝ ſanctiſſime patrum.
Antoni. cuius miro ſuccenſus amore.
Accingor facta aomis celebrare camęnis
Noſce pium deſiderium ꝛ ſuccurre vocanti
At non cuncta ſequi rerum diuina tuarꝝ
Geſta velim quis em̄ verbis ſe ſingula poſſe
Crediderit benefacta tuę comp̄hendere vitę
Non referam quibus infernos ſuperaueris hoſtes
Uiribus aſpectuqꝫ truces quo pectore formas
Horrendaſqꝫ acies pugnaſqꝫ exceperis acres.
Inſidiaſqꝫ aſtuſqꝫ ꝛ vbera ſeua tacebo
Nō celebres raraſqꝫ tuarꝝ exponere dotes
Uirtutū. ſtabilemqꝫ animi vultuſqꝫ tenorem
Aggrediar. Nō quas animas q̄ corpora ſancto
Iuueris auxilio. nō q̄ ventura reſoluēs
Judicio verus vates p̄uideris alto
Nō q̄s inſignes cūctis vulgatus in oris
Et populis ꝛ principibꝰ veneraris honores
Qđqꝫ ſub ęterno māſurꝝ tp̄e nomen
Queſieris. nō nulle tuę q̄ ſancta inuētę
Lōgeue pariterqꝫ extāt monumēta ſenectę
Uerum quo magni monitu impioqꝫ tonātis
Acceſti loca vaſta ſituqꝫ horrētia longo
Sacrū ingreſſus iter diui ſacra limina pauli

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Expediam primũq; heremũ primoſq; receſſus
Hec opis tm̃ noſtri eſt hec ſumma laboris
C Reuerat ⁊ ꝗ̃uis heremiq; hũiliſq; ſacelli
Cultor honorato totũ ꝯpleuerat orbem
Nomine. ꝑfectus iam longo antonius euo
Quo nõ ꝯcilio maior q̃ purior alter
Nõ foret integrior ve dei ve ardẽtior alter
Qui ꝯculcarit qui ꝓfligauerit ⁊ ſe
Caſtigãs alta ꝟtu te ſubegerit oẽm
Vim ſenſumq; ⁊ tot mira rõne rebelles
Infeſtoſq; animi motus. tot dura furẽtis
Tam crebra infenſi ſuparit ꝑlia ſecli
Celeſtem humão ducẽs ſub pectore vitam
Ergo pater ſenior dum ſecum tꝑa forſan
Preterita ⁊ varios voluit caſuſq; viceſq;.
Ecce noua in ſanctã venit meditatio mẽtem
Nanq; pio verſare animo vaſteq; parentem
Cultorem heremi primũ ſe credere cepit
Quod pater omnipotẽs de ſummo vt vidit olympo
Haud errare virꝝ paſſ⁹ ſubita agmina cogit
Celeſtũ. ⁊ letus ſic alta e ſede profatur
Felices nos o noſtri pars fida cohortes
Propoſito q̃ nos qnõdã meliore ſecute
Eterna ⁊ meritis cepiſtis debita noſtris
Premia Jam gaudere metus ⁊ ponere fas eſt
Antiq̃s. ſedet ecce animo ſempq; ſedebit
Jlla dies qua diuoꝝ pulcherrimus olim
Jntumuit valida incẽdẽs triſtiq; ſuꝑnos

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Seditione choros. qua magno turbine miſcens
In numero ętthereas ſpoliauit numine ſedes
Non impune autem. iuſta et nos tangimur ira.
Nunc ille ꝛ populus nunc ille miſerrimus omnis
Ultrices luit ęterno ſub carcere pęnas
Nunc vero ſatis eſt medio fera p̄lia cęlo.
Conciniſſe At quas etiam mortalibus imas
Tradidimus terras longa aſperitate fatigat
Bellorꝫ. quin arte rudes primoſqꝫ parentes.
Tranſgredier noſtros iuſſus prauoqꝫ maloqꝫ
Concilio. et monitis eſt exhortatus iniquis
Pręmetuens. ꝛ quos illi ſuffecimus ęgra
Mente ferēns homines ad noſtra hęc regna vocari
At valuere doli multum ꝛ nocuere fatebor
Humani donec generis commotus amore
Demiſi. ꝛ ꝓprium terręno pondere gnatum.
Ueſtui. qui noſtra libens mandata ſecutus.
Factus homo eſt. ꝛ martyrio triſtiqꝫ litatus
Supplicio. veteres ſublimi ſanguine culpas
Purgauit. ſtirpemqꝫ hoīm cęleſtibus oris
Reſtituens. tetri rapuit de faucibus orchi
Sic caſſę antiqui fraudes iacuere draconis
Nec dū autem ſedata ſitis rabieſqꝫ nocendi eſt
Quippe acuens qui ſe nunc liuidiore venęno
Inuidiaqꝫ ardens maiore erumpit in oēs
Audaces ſcęlerꝫ hortatus. ius omne bonūqꝫ
Proterit. ꝛ rapida inuoluit vertigine terras.
Quoqꝫ nihil grauius fueritqꝫ dolentius, vnq̄

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Dum fallit veterum ſub relligione deorum
Mortales. noſtri tentat pia numina gnati
Vertere. ⁊ emeritos fidei melioris honores.
Et vertet niſi noſtra modum ſapientia ponat.
At ſperate animis atq; hęc aduertite lętis
Quę dicam. Surgent celebres ſanctiq; nepotes:
Eximius monachorum atq; illuſtriſſimus ordo
Qui ſumma virtute polos ⁊ ſidera tangent
Qui noſtrum augebũt nomen. qui pectore forti
Obijcient ſeſe contra bella aſpera contra
Inſidias ſtimulos calcabuntq; hoſtis amaros
Antiqui. noſtroq; gerent ſub nomine quicquid
Optarint. ſiſtent fluuios. monteſq; mouebunt
Imperio cogent imbres noctemq; diemq;
Curabunt ęgras mentes ⁊ corpora morbis
Abſoluent. animas veteriſq; ad lumina vitę
Reſtituent. noſtro efficient quęcunq; potenti
Auxilio. ⁊ noſtro freti pietate vocarint
Hi quãto augebunt olim terraſq; iuuabunt
Pręſidio. longis demum laboribꝫ actis
Cernere erit. quanto decorabũt lumine celos
Quanto illuſtrabũt ſedes ſplẽdore beatas.
In patriam magno iuſſi remeare triumpho
Ecce autem caput ⁊ tãtorum cauſa bonorum
Natus in eois ęgipti Anthonius oris
Quali ille integritate ⁊ quali pectore pollet.
Quanta ille infernũ tulit inuictiſſimus agmen
Virtute horrendis ceſus fractuſq; flagellis

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Om̄ lõga en cerno ſimili ſe turba ſequētur
Exemplo. nec nūc ꝑcurrere ſingula noſtri eſt
Cõſilij. magnū eſt atqꝫ admirabile q̄cquid
Uentuꝝ longa ſub poſteritate tacemus
Interea ignaꝝ qui ſe interiora latentis
Se primum ratus eſt heremi ſecreta ſubiſſe
Stat charūqꝫ monere ſenem nāqꝫ optimus alter
Et prior ⁊ multis ſe lõge antiq̄or ānis
Solus agit vaſto iam pridem obſcurus in antro
Paulus thebanis quõdam ſub finibꝰ ortus
Jam ſecli phama. iam coeli dignus honore
Jllum adeat. viſatqꝫ ſenex. ſenis ora iubeto
Hęc diuum pater ⁊ toti mira addita celo eſt
Leticia. haud aliter q̄ꝫ grauim ſi quis amicas
Uel danaum ductor placida dum voce cateruas
Hortatur. magno innumeram cum robore gentem
Uēturū auxilio. multa ardua corpora narret
Letātur. ſpeqꝫ ingenti conplētur ouantes
Tum vocat et celo gabrielē mittit ab alto.
Utqꝫ ferat ſancto quę ſint faciēda parenti
Nūtiet ⁊ qnenā ſua ſit ſententia mandat
Jlle volat. tacitaqꝫ viꝝ ſub nocte quieta
Dum ſeruit verbis inuadit talibꝰ vltro
Hec tibi de ſumma cęli fero nūcius arce
Antoni. mādat diuumqꝫ hoīmqꝫ creator
Ut q̄ ſacra colit paulus locaqꝫ abdita poſcas
Accelerās. hoīem nulli iam nomine notum
Preſtātemqꝫ incredibili virtute videbis

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Non tu vt rere prior deſerti occulta ſubiſti
Clauſtra heremi. prior ille. ānis ⁊ grādior ille
I. certum pater almus iter tibi pandet eunti
Sic ait in tenues fugienſqꝫ relabitur auras
At ſacer ętherei voluēs ingentia ſecum
Iuſſa patris. noctem c̄ꝫ primū ātonius atram
Diſpelli. nitidum viditqꝫ rubeſcere cęlum
Haud mora carpit iter iuſſum baculoqꝫ ſeniles
Suſtentans artus gradiť ꝑ q̄ horrida neſcit
Deſerta. ⁊ quoꝝ fidens ſub numine tendit
Cęlicolas mitis cęli regemqꝫ precatur

¶ Incipit liber ſcd̄s

Interea infęlix horrēdi rector auerni
Conuocat infernos ⁊ amaro pectore cętus
Alloq̄tur triſti fundens has ore q̄relas
Hę noſtrę en ſocij vires: hęc gloria noſtri
Hoc regni decus: ingenio tali ne vocemus
Calliditas hęc noſtra? hi ſunt aſtuſqꝫ doliqꝫ
He fruſtratę artes hęc caſſa infractaqꝫ noſtri
Conſilij vis ⁊ noſtrorum illuſa laborum
Quid primos aſtu captos peccaſſe parentes
Quid prodeſt? miſeros tot inde luiſſe nepotes
Facta patrum? ꝓpria ſi vitam morte redemit
Omnipotens ꝓprio ſi crimina ſanguine lauit
Haud dominum ſeruos tantum exarſiſſe putaſſem
Vt pro ſe morti caput vltro offerret acerbe
Nunc qꝫ cum magno cogor meminiſſe dolore
Cedimus. atqꝫ ipſis victi a mortalibus om̄s

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Per terras longe abiecti indecoreſqꝫ fugamur
Nec noſtrę inſidię. nec quis ſęuire ſolemus
Ingentes ſtimuli. nec bella ingentia poſſunt
Cernitis vt reliquos taceam quo robore noſtras
Suſtinuit pugnas quã mente Anthonius ęqua
Noſtra flagella tulit. qua vi nos ille fatigat
Nũc miſeros q̃bus excruciat nũc ille flagellis
Et nunc celeſti iuſſu vaſtiſſima fertur
Per deſerta petens paulum. non diſpare cultu
Non vita inferiore hominẽ. ſed cognita nulli eſt
Phama latẽtis adhuc. vereor nec vana vereri
Cauſa monet. ne ſi placidis ſe amplectier vlnis
Inqꝫ vicem fari ⁊ dextras ꝯtingere detur.
In noſtra annoſi iungant ſe dãna parentes
Quo circa quid concilij capiamqꝫ ſequarqꝫ
Haud ſcio. nota hominum vita ⁊ conſtantia nota eſt
Sat mihi ſit tanti vos admonuiſſe pericli
Si qua via eſt nos ita maliſqꝫ abſiſtite veſtris
Dixerat. ⁊ magno cũcti infremuere tumultu
Perculſi affatu tanto velut improba quando
Prędonum manus inſidijs loca tuta viaſqꝫ
Perturbat fędusqꝫ iniens conſpirat in vnum
Si validam ſeſe contra videt ire virum vim
Triſtatur metuitqꝫ nouis iam viribꝫ impar
Et iam conſenſu cunctorum emiſſus ab ima
Sede. ſathan. celi inuiſas conſcenderat auras
Continuo horrendam effigiem qua fallere ſanctum
Ac terrere virum ſpe multũ aggreſſus inani eſt

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Induit os informe hoīs pectuſqꝫ manuſqꝫ.
Cętera equū tali mentitus imagine qualem
Centauris docti tribuere immanibus olim
Dum multa exornant dum fingūt plurima vates
Jam medium pagrarat iter libranſqꝫ regebat.
Ardentes ſol altus equos vt ſe obtulit horrens
Forma viro . ſtetit . ꝛ paulum conterritus heſit.
Deinde dei auxilio tutans ſe Antonius vltro-
Occupat heus tu oro an quiſq̃ ſub finibus iſtis.
Uir charuſqꝫ deoqꝫ placens latet incola forſan
Ille nihil contra . nanqꝫ id diuina vetabant
Juſſa . auſus tentare vix ne illudere verbis
Sed blandas rigido voce de pectore quanuis
Non intellectas fudit . dextraqꝫ cupitum.
Protenſa monſtrauit iter . p̄ deinde patentes
Effuſus curſum campos (mirabile viſu)
Ex oculis getice diffugit harundinis inſtar
Obſtupuit pater admirans caſumqꝫ virumqꝫ.
Tum ſe commēdans ſuperis ſuperūqꝫ parenti
Progredit̄ . nec longa mora eſt . ecce altera monſtri
Saxoſam cōuallem inter ſe forma bicornis
Humana effigie . ſed aduncis naribus offert
Quę capram media parte inferiore figurat.
Hanc palmę fętus quaſi pacis ſigna ferentē
Ut vidit . primū ille dei ſe numine firmat.
Tum qui ſit quoue ex genere . aut quis caſib9 actus
Aduenit fari hortat̄ . ſic ſemivir illum
Hortantē placido ſupplex eſt ore ſequutus

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Ne dubita nō vana oculos decepit imago
Noſtra tuos pater o magnis cariſſime diuis
Et mortalis ego ⁊ mortali ex ſanguine cretꝰ
Et tacita hęc habito q̄ nūc deſerta perras
Sum numero ex illoꝝ olim q̄s ceca vetuſtas.
Admirata deos ſatyros faunoſqꝫ vocauit
Legatum tibi me ſociorum turba meorum
Tranſmittit pater vnanimes te diue p̄camur
Communem vt dn̄m pro noſtra orare ſalute
Digneris. Scimus ſiq̄dem certumqꝫ fatemur
Nanqꝫ oēm fama illius penetrauit in orbe
Quāta hōis pietate ⁊ qnāto exarſit amore
Pro quis ⁊ ſe homiēm naſci. natumqꝫ necari
Tam dira paſſus morte eſt Nec plura locutus
Conticuit Stabat defixo Anthonius ore
Jam dudū admirans ⁊ vultum ⁊ ꝟba loquētis
Dum tantoſqꝫ animo affatus caſuſqꝫ volutat
Jngenti pre leticia. longum ille profuſis
Emanās lachrymis p̄dulcibꝰ ora rigabat.
Ac veluti redeūte nouo cū germiāt āno
Arridetqꝫ omīs reuireſcēs frondibꝰ arbos
Dehinc baculo terram pulſans. heu q̄ impia vanis
Jnquit alexandrina deis gens ꝯſtruis aras
Heu q̄ cęleſtes falſis exoluis honores
Numinibꝰ gens infęlix q̄ temnere verum
Saluatorem audes hoīm. quē belua mitis
Faſſa vltro eſt ⁊ opem p̄cibꝰ venerata popoſcit
Talia cōqueſtus ſenior. ſeu forſitan audent

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Cū ſerui in dn̄m cui fida cauū vis
Necdum finis erat ꝟbis. volucri pede qn̄
Cornigeꝝ ſe animal tollēs ꝑ deuia fugit

Incipit liber tercius.

LOnga ꝑagrabat ſanctus deſerta viator
Et iam bis radijs ſol illuſtrauerat orbem
Et bis nox tenebras induxerat humida terris.
Jam ꝗd agat iam quo vertat vir ſe optimus ergo
Ignarus q̄ ſpes tm̄ reſtabat ad altum
Intendēs cęlum palmas extendit vtraſqȝ
Per totā in ſomnis noctē. longaſqȝ profundit.
Cū gemitu lachrymiſqȝ p̄ces cęleſtia poſcens
Auxilia Et nōdum roſeis prouecta quadrigis
Linquebat ſolitum tytoni aurora cubile
Cum per pallētis dubia ve crepuſcula noctis
Cernit anhelantem ꝓpius montiſqȝ petentem
Vicini vacua antra lupam. quā deinde ſecutus
Actutum pater eſt. oculis veſtigia fixis
Obſeruās. demūqȝ feram abceſſiſſe vbi ſenſit.
Spelūce ſtetit an̄ aditus paulūqȝ moratus.
Atqȝ introſpiciēs cecis nil vidit in vmbris
Suſpenſo mox ſe fert intra limina paſſu
Progrediens ſimul intentis atqȝ auribꝫ oēm
Luminibuſqȝ locum explorās. tū forſitan atram.
Per noctem tremulum lumē ſplendeſcere vidit
Quo viſum ꝓperare. ⁊ iam ſperare quietem.

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Incerteq; vie melius confidere cepit.
Non ſecus ac ſi quando ſitis quē torquet anhela
Sollicito ceruus greſſu dubioq; per vmbras.
Siluarum ingentes per camposq; anxius errat
Ignaruſq; locorum ignotas queritat vndas
Tunc ſi forte ſonum crepitãtum. ⁊ murmur aqnaꝝ
Auditum: agnorint aures: letatur ⁊ acri
Iam volitat pede: iam liquidi ſpem concipit amnis
Sic pater. at magno dum membra ſenilia demum
Viſendi deſiderio. ſtudioq; fatigat.
Accelerans: lapidem ceca ſub nocte iacentem.
Incidit: obiectuq; pedis ſe offendit amaro
Ingentēq; dedit ſtrepitum quo concitus alte.
Vir mentis. dum forte deo vacat. oſtia paulus
Accurrens claudit ſolido ⁊ munimine firmat.
Vt ſolet in vaſto ſi quis regit equore nauim
Cum tonitru horrendo primum ſtrepere aera ſentit
Colligere ⁊ velis validos aptare rudentes.
Fortius. ⁊ cura maiore incumbere remis.
Et ſi quid deſit naui ſuccurrere egenti
Atq; aper audita dum ſaltibus errat apricis
Voce canum. ſubito latebraꝝ ſe obice tutans
Frondoſa aut ſilua ſecreto aut condit antro
Tum bonus ante fores clauſas ſenioris amici
Mnlta diu placido fundens Antonius ore
Perſtitit obſecrans aditum ꝑ ſi qua tibi inquit.
Eſt pietas miſerere oro pater optime gnoſti
Qui veniam q̃ cauſa vie quis miſſus ab ore

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Si tibi nulla mei cura eſt. tua nãq; fatebor
Haud mereor pater ora. tuos vultuſq; tueri
Tantorum ⁊ ſaltem tibi ſit cura vlla labor
Concedes ne feris aditus hominiq; negabis
Qui ꝑ tot te dura petit diſcrimina ꝑ tot
Incertaſq; graueſq; vias ęſtuſq; furentes
Pande fores pater. hinc nuſq̃; diſcedere fixum
Propoſitũ eſt. vbi viuẽtem ꝯtempſeris. at me
Extinctum certe excipies cõdeſq; ſepulchro
Talia ꝑſiſtens lachrimis fundebat abortis
Cui ſit ille refert paucis ꝑ tot ne labores
Veniſti noſtro conſpectu admittier optans
Nũc moriturum autem te ni admittare minaris
Impetrãt ne minis alÿ. ſic fatus ⁊ olli
Arridens dextra poſtes patefecit amica
Suſcepitq; homĩem ſanctum ſanctiſſimus hoſpes
Inq; ruens eius complexum atq; oſcula iũgens
Sic prior aggreditur. quẽ tu o chariſſime tãta
Antoni cura. tantoq; labore petiſti
Ecce ego nũc lõga marcens etate rigenſq;
Canicie inculta. mẽbriſq; tremẽtibꝰ. ⁊ iam
Parua mora eſt. lacerũ putenſq; horrenſq; cadauer
Hęc ſenior: ſimul intra heremi penetralia diuum
Eximio flagrans ipſum ducebat amore
Veſtibulum hic ingens intus cui deſuꝑ altos
Palma vetus ramos cęlo fundebat aperto
Quodq; inter nitidis oriens puriſſimus vndis
Se circum viridãte ſolo fons lene fluebat

Inde ꝑ exesum loca erant sibi plurima mõtem
Atqꝫ intus vaste incudes ⁊ multa fabrilis
Materie instrumẽta q̃bꝫ iam certa vetusqꝫ
Historia est illo ꝑcussa numismata furtim
Tꝑe q̃ functus cleopatra antonius olim est
Huc igitur sese vix pubescẽtibꝫ annis.
Cõtulerat fugiẽs odia infensissima paulus
Que decius studijs ⁊ valerianus iniq̃s
Infande bine pestes. imania mõstra.
Contra exercebãt christum christiqꝫ fideles
Cultores ⁊ iam ꝓpe cẽtum haud cognitus vnq̃ꝫ
Hic latitãs mirꝫ dictu trãsegerat annos
Ipsa mĩstrarat vestitũ palma cibumqꝫ
Tale intra hospicium iacta cum fronde receptus.
Tale intra penetrale senex egiptius ibat.
Ingentesqꝫ deo laudes pro munere tãto
Fundebat. vitrei tũ ꝓo in margine fontis
Multa recensentes fessi sedere parẽtes
Nũc ãnos casusqꝫ suos narrabat vterqꝫ
Nũc hoĩm studia ⁊ mores nũc seua petẽtum
Impia ⁊ regum furias nũc si qua nefande
Religionis adhuc starẽt monumẽta rogabat
Hic miserãs ꝓbis ille expoẽbat amicis
Quales diuersis si qui iũgũtur ab oris
Milicie assueti duros tolerare labores
Con gaudẽt. varioqꝫ simul sermõe fruẽtes
Magnorꝫ heroum casus ⁊ bella recensent.
Hec inter sedisse alta sup arbore coruũ

Suſpectant plaudentem alis atqꝫ oꝛe ferētem
Fluctis micam cereris quam deinde notatu
Se corā leni poſuit. miratus vterqꝫ
Subſtitit his paulus ꝓoꝛ eſt tūc vocibꝫ vſus
Nunc te nunc quanta es noſco o dilecte deo vir
Uirtute ꝛ quāta diue integritudine vite
Hac bis ſex actis hoc munus ab alite luſtris
Dimidium excepi. nūc aduenīete benignus
Integra dona deus ferri cęleſtia iuſſit
Dona ſuum q̄ longum in te teſtātur amoꝛem
Ergo hęc omnipotens q̄ nobis munera mittit
Tanta libēs ſume atqꝫ tua tu diuide dextra
Hinc ait ille tua eſt ꝛ vita ꝛ dignioꝛ ętas
Te potius partire decet certamina tali
Contendere diu patres ꝛ iam ibat in vndas
Occiduas ſol pꝛonus equoſqꝫ vꝛgebat anhelos
Tandem quiſqꝫ ſua placuit ſentētia namqꝫ hęc
Appꝛehēdit dextra munus cereale ſimulqꝫ
Appꝛehēſum leuiter partes diuiſit in ęquas
Inde deum ſummis tollētes laudibꝫ ambo
Se pariter tenui victu recreātqꝫ fouentqꝫ
Et pariter liquidi libātes fontis amenas.
Excipiūt vndas. vigilem tū ſcꝫ oēm
Oꝛantes noctemqꝫ deo duxere vacantes

¶ Incipit li-
ber quartus.

Ecce rubens currum ſol matutinus agebat.
Et madide in viridi lucebant gramine guttę.
Tunc placido excitum paulus ſermone parentē.
Cōpellat Te chare ſub his regionibus hoſpes
Eſſe olim certo ſcibā quem maximus alti
Pręſentis quando vite ſupma veniret
Lęta dies venturum ad me regnator olympi eſt
Pollicitus nunc eſſe animo flagrante cupitum.
Optatumqꝫ diu tempus quo carcere tandem.
Soluar ab hoc abiens ęternaqꝫ regna reuiſam
Tu miſſus qui vita meos vbi linqueret artus
Contegere effoſſa velleſqꝫ recondere terra
Tu repete ergo domū contextaqꝫ munera palli
Quę tibi Athanaſius preſul donauerat olim
Affer vt extinctum ſancto velamine corpus
Obuoluas. ſic fatus erat. ſit ille rogarat.
Non quo cura ſibi tectus nuduſve iaceret
Qui palme intextis folijs tam paupere amictu.
Contentus ſeſe tantum veſtire ſolebat
Sed quo illum inſtātis mortis merere leuaret
Tantiſper patrias ratus eſt demittere ad; oras
His pater auditis ſtupefactus pectore toto
Conſtitit admirans diuina Antonius ora
Diuinaſqꝫ eius voces. q̄ꝫ ſpiritus eſſet
Incenſus. quoqꝫ gnara ſibi. q̄ꝫ plęna deo mens
Tum ne deſereret ſeſe lachrymanſqꝫ gemenſqꝫ.
Et comitem exciperet q̄cunqꝫ ad fata rogabat
Contra ille. hanc te quęſo inquit nunc exue curam

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Et te certa dies ſup̄ma ⁊ meta laboꝝ
Fixa manet. nũc ad ꝯmune piumqꝫ tuoꝝ
Exemplum ſociorum. alme. ⁊ veſtigia vitę
Te mũdo iam mitte patres ſupeſſe ncc̄e eſt
Amplius haud verbis audens antonius vllis
Obniti ſancto. primũ fert oſcula patri
Juſſa viri deinde exeq̄tur ſenioqꝫ grauatos
Exercet rurſum gradiēs artuſqꝫ fatigat
Hęc inter rex ętheree ſanctiſſimus aulę
Cęleſtes vocat ad ſeſe lõgo ordine turmas
Ut terraſqꝫ petãt. vtqꝫ atro e corpe ſoluãt
Felicemqꝫ animã pauli alta ad ſidera mãdat
Ut lęto applauſu lęto vt comitētur honore
Et iam contigerat vir ſanctus tecta domũqꝫ
Optatam. ⁊ patrijs feſſus ꝯſederat aruis.
Ecce duo quos longeuo ſibi pectore fidos
Et vita inſignes delegerat ille miniſtros
Confectum excipiũt longarum mole viarum
Confectum ⁊ longo ſenio recreantqꝫ parentem
Conſpectuqꝫ ſuo lęti amplexuqꝫ fruũtur
Quales forte diu qui nõ videre magiſtrum
Abſentem demũ redeũtem agnoſcere lęta
Fronte canes ⁊ mulcere ⁊ ꝯtingere gaudēt
Nõ ſecus hi. tum cauſa moręq̄ tãta req̄rũt
Quis latitans ſteteritqꝫ locis pauca ille locut⁹
Vidi hoiēm quo nõ eſt alter ſanctior inquit
Diuinũ humano ſpecimē ſub pectore vidi
Talia dicentem ſacra atqꝫ antiſtitis vna

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Munera Athanaſi ſecum deferre parãtem
Ut que nam tanta hęc eẽnt exponeret illi
Poſcebãt. abiens ſenioꝛ ne plura reqrant.
Cętera ait Neqꝫ em̃ pſtat nũc cętera fari
Ergo ad grãdeuũ citius tendebat amicum
Unum ſe cupiẽs vnum ſe vita priuſqꝫ
Linqueret ęthereas ⁊ ſpũs iret in auras.
Complecti coꝛam flagrans coꝛãqꝫ tueri
Poſtera iamqꝫ dies aderat. bꝛeuis ⁊ via eunti
Reſtabat. tũc foꝛte oculos Antonius altos
Suſtollẽs. miro paulum candore nitentem
Plaudentes inter diuum longaſqꝫ cateruas
Uidit ſiderei ſcandẽtem ad culmina cęli.
Magnanimos tali capitolia ad alta triumpho
Si minima equare ⁊ ſummis ꝯponere fas eſt
Romulidas victo credas ex hoſte rediſſe
Tum lachꝛymans atroqꝫ incõptam in puluere fędans
Caniciem. cur paule inquit me deſeris. vt quid
Me ſine ſupmũ voluiſti attingere finem
Et ſine me longos vitę finire laboꝛes
Cur mihi te tam ſera dies oſtenderat. vt nũc
Tam ſubita eripet Salue o venerãde deoqꝫ
Uiue valeqꝫ pater. ſic fatus ⁊ ilicet acri
Ardoꝛe incẽſus mentis. reliquũ om̃e cucurrit
Inſtar auis volitãtis iter Ceu qñ ſopoꝛa
Nos ſomni Placidam capimus ſub nocte quietem.
Et nũc ſiſtere nũc agiles attollere plãtas
Et paſſim longum ferri ꝑ mane videmus.

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Mox introgreſſus ſpelūcam tendere palmas.
Inflexis genibꝫ ſublato ꝛ vertice vidit
Exanimū pauli corpus ſed viuere pmum
Credidit. orabatqꝫ ſimul. greſſumqꝫ tenebat
Quē poſtq̄ꝫ agnouit vitali lumine caſſum.
Irruerat ſubito lachrymis atqꝫ oſcula largis
Mixta gerēs ꝛ inexpletis ꝯplexibꝫ herēs
Ingentis gemitus dedit ingentiſqꝫ vlulatus
Ac demū ſacro defuncti corpus amici
Quem ſecum tulerat circumuoluebat amictu
Solemneſqꝫ illi cantus ex more ferebat
Sup̄ moſqꝫ ſimul mortis ſoluebat honores
Tum fruſtra terram qua ſancta recōderet oſſa
Effodere aggreſſus neqꝫ quū nō ſibi ſarcula haberet
Quis foderet terrā qua exanguia mēbra cubarēt
Ne diuum prēm tumuli ſine honore iacētem
Linqueret Ecce duo fuſis p colla leones
Ex heremo interiore iubis decurrere cernit
Extimuit primus aſpectu tum lumina vertens
Ad ſupos ſtetit intrepidā mentemqꝫ recepit
Olli de nuſſis animis ꝛ pectore miti
Mira fides petiere ſenis venerabile corpus
Illiuſqꝫ pedes circa accubuere fremētes
Extinctumqꝫ ꝓpe humana pietate q̄rētes
Dehinc pedibꝫ tm̄ terre ſcalpūtqꝫ ruuntqꝫ
Certatim quātum tumulo ſatis eēt ꝛ ip̄m
Eximeret cura prēmqꝫ leuaret egentem
Sic qn̄ aretolus arent ꝛ prata nec vllas
Quas infun dit habet terris ſitiētibꝫ vndas

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Agricola infelix. tūc ꝛ ꝓlargus aquarum
Exundet torrens ꝛ riui ꝛ hiantia paſſim
Prata fluūt letis ꝛ egentes imbribꝫ horti
Cōtinuo ad ſanctum blando cum murmure prēm
Ibāt deiecta ceruice manuſqꝫ pedeſqꝫ
Lingebāt. quales ſtudium quos nutrit herile
Blandiri caudaqꝫ ſolēt linguaqꝫ catelli
Ille ſtupens q̄ tanta eſſet ſub corde ferarꝫ
Cognitio. duplices tendebat ad ęthera palmas
Extollenſqꝫ dei magnum ꝛ mirabile munus
Procqꝫ bonis digna exoluens quaſi ꝓmia tantis
Precipuas pro ſe atqꝫ ꝓces fundebat amicis
Diſceſſere fere tādem capit. ille beatum
Inclinans ſeſe corpus tumuloqꝫ recondit
Intextum at folijs palmarum in pignus amoris
Grande tulit quem ſe reliquo ſub tempore tantum
Solemnes ſacroſqꝫ dies veſtiuit amictum
Tūc vbi clara ſequēs tenebras aurora fugauit
Diſcedit. cupiduſqꝫ domū ſocioſqꝫ reuiſit
Cęleſtēqꝫ homiēm facta ꝛ cęleſtia narrans.

¶ Impreſſum dauentrie
ꝑ me Jacobū de Breda

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